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COMMISSIONER

Shellfish Harvesting Area Classification-Notification of Changes

September 26, 2012

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Under the authority of Maine statute 12 M.R.S.A., Chapter 607, Section 6172; the Commissioner has made the following classification change to Area No. 33, Searsport to Stockton Springs: This notice reclassifies the western side of the Sears Island causeway from restricted to approved due to water quality meeting approved standards and no known pollution sources in the immediate area. All existing pollution and red tide/PSP closures remain in effect.

The boundary descriptions of the area are as follows (struck text is being removed and underlined text is being added):

- A. Effective immediately, because of pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas:
 - 1. (Searsport): north of a line beginning at the south tip of Moose Point (Searport), then running east to the south tip of Sears Island; AND west of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the western shore of Long Cove, beyond the end of Station Avenue, then running in a southeasterly direction to an unnamed point of land on the west shore of Sears Island, approximately 2500 feet south of the southwest end of the causeway.
 - 2. Northern Long Cove (Searsport): north of a line beginning at a red painted post, located on the western shore of Long Cove, approximately 830 feet south of the head of the cove, then running east-northeast across Long Cove to a red painted post located on the opposite shore.
- B. Effective immediately, because of non-point source pollution, it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels taken from the shores, flats and waters of the following areas without a special MDMR permit:
 - 1. Southeastern Long Cove (Searsport): east of a line beginning at a red painted post, located approximately 900 feet south of the northern end of the Sears Island causeway, then running in a southwesterly direction to an unnamed point of land on the west shore of Sears Island, approximately 2500 feet south of the southwest end of the causeway. This area is classified as "Restricted", and harvesting requires a special MDMR permit.
 - 2. 1. Stockton Harbor (Searsport and Stockton Springs): north of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of Stockton Harbor (Searsport), approximately 0.6 miles southwest of the Searsport/Stockton Springs town line, then running east-northeast to a red painted post located on a prominent unnamed point of land southwest of the causeway to Cape Jellison (Stockton Springs); AND southwest of a line beginning at a red

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painted post located on a prominent unnamed point of land southwest of the causeway to Cape Jellison (Stockton Springs), then running northwest across the mouth of Mill Cove approximately 1500 feet to the granite ruins on an unnamed prominent point of land. This area is classified as "Restricted", and harvesting requires a special MDMR permit.

- 3. 2. Mill Pond (Stockton Springs): east of the Cape Jellison Road causeway. This area is classified as "Restricted", and harvesting requires a special MDMR permit.
- C. Effective immediately, because of intermittent seasonal pollution and the presence of a marina, the following area is classified as "Conditionally Approved", and it shall be unlawful to dig, take or possess any clams, quahogs, oysters or mussels from this area from May 1 through November 15: northeast of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of Stockton Harbor (Searsport), approximately 0.6 miles southwest of the Searsport/Stockton Springs town line, then running southeast to a red painted post located on the Cape Jellison shore (Stockton Springs), beyond the end of Village Drive; AND south of a line beginning at a red painted post located on the shore of Stockton Harbor (Searsport), approximately 0.6 miles southwest of the Searsport/Stockton Springs town line, then running east-northeast to a red painted post located on a prominent unnamed point of land southwest of the causeway to Cape Jellison (Stockton Springs).

If you have questions, please contact Kohl Kanwit, Department of Marine Resources, 194 McKown Point Road, West Boothbay Harbor, Maine 04575-0008, Tel: (207) 633-9535, Email: Kohl.Kanwit@maine.gov or Michelle Mason Webber, Department of Marine Resources, 21 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0021, Tel: (207) 624-6570, Email: Michelle.Mason@maine.gov.

This notice can be viewed on the Department's website at: http://www.maine.gov/dmr/rm/public_health/closures/closedarea.htm
This information is also recorded on our HOTLINE (207-624-7727 OR 1-800-232-4733)

Sincerely,

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Commissioner's Designee – Shellfish Program Coordinator

1:01 PM (Effective Time)

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Pollution Area No. 33

Searsport to Stockton Springs





